

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

May 16, 2021

7th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude "Meditation" PEETERS

Welcome and Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship** Jim Griffin

Leader: If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater.

People: Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts.

Leader: This is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

People: Whoever has the Son has life. We gather knowing that you have eternal life.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord of life together.

Hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" United Methodist Hymnal

Call to Confession Jim Griffin

Unison Prayer of Confession

We pray, O Lord, not due to our own wisdom, insight and strength, but through you. You intercede for us because we do not know how to pray as we ought. You even hear and know our sighs, which are too deep for words.

Forgive us, O Lord, when our prayers are filled with empty phrases and meaningless platitudes. Forgive us, O Lord, when our prayers fail to express our love for you and our neighbors in need. Forgive us, O Lord, when our prayers do not lead to engagement with justice and peace. Fill us with your word and grant us a new beginning in you. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon Jim Griffin

Leader: Hear the good news. Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us and Christ prays for us. My friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

Meditation "Miniature #17" PEETERS

First Reading Old Testament Lesson Psalm 1

Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading New Testament Lesson John 17:6-19

Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon "Prayer" Rev. Dwight McCormick

Responding to the Word

Stewardship Reminder

Affirmation of Faith

(1 Corinthians 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9; Matthew 16:16; Revelation 22:13; John 20:28)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Hymn "Hail, Thou Once-Despised Jesus" Trinity Psalter Hymnal #285

Benediction

Closing Chorus "Go Now in Peace" BESIG

Postlude "Cornet Voluntary" WESLEY

As you
SENT ME
into the world,



so I have
SENT THEM
into the world.



John 17:18, ESV

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Thank you to David Hapner and Dawn White for leading us in song

Today's liturgy is provided by Pastor Matt Rich of The Presbyterian Outlook

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